

1 petition must be filed with the General Assembly or the
2 Legislature at its next session so the Legislature would
3 have an opportunity either to accept it and put it on the ballot
4 in regular form, or to reject it.

5 The proposal before you doesn't go that far.

6 Secondly, when legislatures were malapportioned,
7 when they truly didn't represent the people, when there was
8 no concept of one man-one vote in most of the states of
9 this nation, I think there was a certain validity for provid-
10 ing a means to break the log jam, but even there I don't
11 believe the initiative was used successfully in one single
12 state to break the log jam of malapportionment.

13 Malapportionment, at least in the General
14 Assemblies of the land, is behind us, and the people now
15 are represented by their representatives at the state
16 capital as we are in Maryland.

17 The amending procedures proposed by the Committee
18 are very liberal. First you have the three-fifths
19 traditional procedure, and secondly in their next
20 proposal you will have before you a proposition that a
21 constitutional convention can be convened at any time, or